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## Command Line Cheat Sheets

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# Windows Command Line (CMD) Essentials Cheat Sheet

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help: Provides Help information for Windows commands.
Usage: help or help <command>

dir: Displays a list of files and subdirectories in a directory.
Usage: dir or dir <directory>

tree: Graphically displays the directory structure of a drive or path.
Usage: tree or tree <directory>

cd: Displays the name of or changes the current directory.
Usage: cd or cd <directory> (cd .. to go up a directory)

cls: Clears the screen.

echo: Displays messages, or turns command echoing on or off.
Usage: echo or echo <text>

exit: Quits the CMD.EXE program (command interpreter).
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Manipulating files and directories

md: Creates a directory.
    Usage: md <directory>

rd: Removes a directory.
    Usage: rd <directory>

del: Deletes one or more files.
    Usage: del <filename> [<filename2> ...]

copy: Copies one or more files to another location.
    Usage: copy <source> <destination>

move: Moves one or more files from one directory to another directory.
    Usage: move <source> <destination>

ren: Renames a file or files.
    Usage: ren <old name> <new name>
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Working with files

type: Displays the contents of a text file.
    Usage: type <filename>

more: Displays output one screen at a time.
    Usage: more <filename>

fc: Compares to files or sets of files, and displays the differences between them.
    Usage: fc <filename1> <filename2>

>: Direct output into a file, overwriting if the file exists.
    Example: echo Hello! > hello.txt

>>: Direct output into a file, appending if the file exists.
    Example: echo Hello again! >> hello.txt

sort: Sorts input.
    Usage: sort [/R] <filename>
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#### Notes

- The Windows command prompt is generally case insensitive (type hello.txt is the same as TYPE Hello.TXT).
- You can reference a file in the current directory (file.txt), another directory (\Users\bob\Documents\file.txt), or another drive (D:\Backups\file.txt).
- You don't need to cd to another drive, just type the drive letter, a colon (:), and hit enter (e.g., "d:").

### Windows PowerShell Essentials Cheat Sheet

### Notes

- PowerShell commands, known as Cmdlets, are typically in "Verb-Noun" form, such as Get-Content.
- Most commands have shorter aliases. For instance, the aliases for Get-Content are gc, type (to mimic the CMD version), and cat (to mimic Linux environments).
- Commands can be chained as pipelines using the "|" (vertical bar) symbol. For example: Get-Process | Format-List | Out-File ps.txt

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Getting around PowerShell
Get-Help (help): Get help with PowerShell or a Cmdlet
     Usage: get-help or help <cmdlet>
Get-Command (gcm): Get a list of all available commands
     Usage: gcm or gcm -module <module>
Get-Item (gi): Gets items, such as the files in the current directory
     Example: gi *
Get-ChildItem (gci,dir,ls): Gets child items, such as the files in subdirectories
     Example: gci -recurse
Get-Process (gps,ps): Get a list of running processes
Copy-Item (cpi,cp,copy): Copies an item from one location to another
Get-ComputerInfo (gin): Gets system and operating system properties
Move-Item (mi,mv,move): Moves an item from one location to another
New-Item (ni): Creates a new item, such as an empty file
     Usage: ni empty.txt
Remove-Item (ri,rm,rmdir,del,erase,rd): Deletes the specified items
Rename-Item (rni,ren): Renames an item
Set-Location (sl,cd,chdir): Sets the current working location
Set-Content (sc): Writes new content or replaces existing content in a file
     Example: sc -path .\hello.txt -value 'Hello world!'
Add-Content (ac): Adds content to an item, such as adding words to a file
     Example: gi hello.txt | ac -value 'Hello again!'
Out-File: Sends output to a file
     Example: 'This is a string' | out-file test.txt
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Scripting in PowerShell
Variables: $variable_name = <value>
     Examples: $s = "hello" \text{ or } $a, $b = 0, 1
Object Members: $Object.Member
     Examples: $date = Get-Date; echo $date.day; (Get-Date).month
Comparison: -eq, -ne, -gt, -ge, -lt, -le
     Examples: 5 -eq 5, 3 -le 6
Logic: -and, -or, -not
     Examples: 5 -eq 5 -and 3 -le 6, -not (5 -eq 4)
Arrays: $letters = "a", "b", "c"; $numbers = 1..5
Membership: -contains, -notcontains, -in, notin
     Examples: 1..5 -contains 3, -not ("c" -in "a", "b")
Flow Control: If(){} Elseif(){} Else {}
     Example: If ($n -eq 3) {"Fizz"} Else {"Buzz"}
While Loop: While ($n -lt 100) {$n+=1; echo $n}
For Loop: For($i=0; $i -lt 10; $i++){echo $i}
ForEach: ForEach($file in dir){$file.name}
Write-Host: Outputs to screen.
     Example: Write-Host "Hello!"
Read-Host: Reads input.
     Example: $number = Read-Host "Input a number"
Format-Table: Formats as a table.
     Example: Get-Date | Format-Table
Format-List: Formats as a list.
     Example: Get-Process | Format-List
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# Linux Command Line (Bash) Cheat Sheet

#### Notes

- Options for commands are usually proceeded by "-" (for single letter options) or "--" (for longer option names). E.g.: ls -d or ls --directory
- Commands can be chained as pipelines using the "|" (vertical bar) symbol. E.g.: echo Hello world | sed 's/world/World!/g' | tee hello\_world.txt

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help: View shell help or help for a command.

Usage: help or help <command>

pwd: Show full path of current directory.

Is: List contents of a directory.

Examples: ls or ls -ahl /home/user/Documents

cd: Change to home or specified directory.

Usage: cd (goes home) cd . . (goes up a directory) cd <directory>

echo: Output string.

Usage: echo "<string>"

man: View the manual (man page) for a command.

Usage: man <command> (Scroll with arrows or PgUp/PgDn, use "q" to quit)

clear: Clears the screen.

exit: Exit the command line shell.
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Working with files
mkdir: Create directory.
     Usage: mkdir <directory>
rmdir: Remove empty directory.
     Usage: rmdir <directory>
touch: Create empty file (does not overwrite existing file).
     Usage: touch <filename>
cat: Print file(s) to screen.
     Usage: cat <filename> [<filename2> ...]
cp: Copy file.
     Usage: cp [-r] <source> <destination> (-r: recursive)
mv: Move file or directory.
     Usage: mv <source> <destination>
rm: Delete file(s).
     Usage: rm <filename> or rm -r <directory> (be careful with this)
head/tail: Print the beginning (or end) of a file to screen.
     Usage: head [-n <number of lines>] <filename>
less: View file in paginated form.
     Usage: less <filename>
>: Redirect output to file (overwriting existing file).
     Example: echo "Hello!" > hello.txt
>>: Append output to file.
     Example: echo "Hello again!" >> hello.txt
find: Find files in a directory.
     Examples: find . -name test.txt or find / -user bob
grep: Search a file or stream for a pattern.
     Usage: grep <pattern> <filename> or <command> | grep <pattern>
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## Command Line Networking Cheat Sheet

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Networking on Windows Command Line
ping: Test network connection to an address.
     Usage: ping <address>
tracert: Trace route to an address.
     Usage: tracert <address>
netstat: View active connections and listening ports.
     Usage: netstat -ab to view connections, listening ports, and processes
     netstat -e for statistics, netstat -r for routing table
arp: View Address Resolution Protocol information.
     Usage: arp -a or arp -N <interface> or arp -a <remote address>
hostname: Prints the name of the current host.
ipconfig: View and modify IP configuration details.
     Usage: ipconfig /all
nslookup: Use DNS to resolve an address.
     Usage: nslookup <address>
route: View or configure IP routing table.
     Usage: route PRINT (See route /? for other uses)
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Networking on Linux Command Line

ping: Test network connection to an address.
        Usage: ping <address>

traceroute: Trace route to an address.
        Usage: traceroute <address>

ip: Show and manipulate routing, network devices, interfaces and tunnels.
        Examples: ip addr, ip link, or ip route (See ip --help)

ss: Utility to investigate socket usage.
        Usage: ss -atu

arp: View Address Resolution Protocol information.
        Usage: arp -e or arp -i <interface>
hostname: Prints the name of the current host.

nslookup: Use DNS to resolve an address.
        Usage: nslookup <address>
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Common Ports
TCP 20-21: File Transfer Protocol (FTP)
TCP 22: Secure Shell (SSH)
TCP 23: Telnet
TCP 25: Simple Mail Transfer Protocol (SMTP)
TCP/UDP 53: Domain Name System (DNS)
UDP 67-68: Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol (DHCP)
UDP 69: Trivial File Transfer Protocol (TFTP)
TCP 80: Hypertext Transfer Protocol (HTTP) Note: HTTP/3 can use UDP
UDP 88: Kerberos authentication
TCP 110: Post Office Protocol (POP)
UDP 123: Network Time Protocol (NTP)
TCP/UDP 137-139: NetBIOS
TCP 143: Internet Message Access Protocol (IMAP)
TCP/UDP 161-162: Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMP)
TCP 179: Border Gateway Protocol (BGP)
TCP/UDP 389: Lightweight Directory Access Protocol (LDAP)
TCP 443: HTTP over SSL/TLS (HTTPS)
TCP/UDP 636: LDAP over SSL/TLS (LDAPS)
TCP 989-990: FTP over SSL/TLS (FTPS)
TCP 3389: Remote Desktop Protocol (RDP)
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### Useful Networking Utilities

**nmap:** Network exploration and security scanner.

tcpdump: Command line packet capture and analysis.

**nc/ncat/netcat:** Send and receive arbitrary data.